

The President

Representative Christopher Smith,
Member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
Washington, DC

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Dear Congressman Smith,

I would like to thank you for your work in previous years as Special Representative on Human Trafficking. Due to your efforts, our work in this field has been more focused, and this has been placed very prominently on the agenda of the OSCE and our Assembly. I am pleased to hear that you are willing to reassume this position, and I am therefore happy to appoint you to serve as my Special Representative on Human Trafficking during my mandate as President according to Rule 7 of the OSCE PA Rules of Procedure.

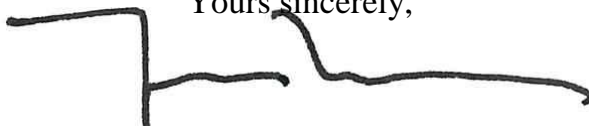
I hope that you will agree to continue working on the basis of the following mandate:

- Collect information on human trafficking in the OSCE region.
- Promote dialogue in the OSCE, in its Parliamentary Assembly in particular, on how to combat human trafficking.
- Advise the Assembly both on the implementation of its agreed policies in these matters as well as on the development of new policies.
- Consider how to protect victims and how to combat the criminal elements involved.
- Communicate with relevant actors within the OSCE who work on issues concerning human trafficking.

I would of course appreciate your comments and ideas on how we can work together to further improve the Assembly's work in this area.

I look forward to seeing you again soon, and to hearing about the progress of your work in this important field.

Yours sincerely,



João Soares
President